

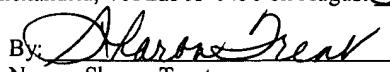


PATENT

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Applicant:	Xu et al.	Examiner:	J.M. Greene
Serial No.:	10/646,627	Group Art Unit:	1724
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, Applicants amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.**

**Response/Arguments begin on page 8.**